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STATE FOR UNDER-SECRETARY COOPER AND HORMATS

E.O. 11652: GDS
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SUBJECT: LATEST GENEVA DEVELOPMENTS ON THE COMMITTEE OF
THE WHOLE: COOPER-JAZAIRY MEETING

REF: GENEVA 10286; GENEVA 10741

1. JAZAIRY'S CURRENT PLAN FOR DISCUSSIONS ON COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE (COW) TO BEGIN ON THURSDAY, JULY 20, AFTER XCSS MEETING. FIRST STEP WOULD BE AN "INFORMAL MEETING OF COW" (I.E., INCLUDING ANY COUNTRY REPRESENTED IN GENEVA, AT ECOSOC OR OTHERWISE). THIS MEETING WOULD DECIDE ON PROCEDURES TO BE FOLLOWED FOR REMAINING DAYS, WHICH WOULD INVOLVE DISCUSSIONS IN A SMALLER GROUP. DISCUSSIONS COULD RUN UNTIL MONDAY 24 OR TUESDAY 25, AFTER WHICH JAZAIRY HOPES TO GO ON VACATION.

2. ALTHOUGH HE CANNOT, OF COURSE, "EXPECT" HIGH-LEVEL ATTENDANCE (ON DEVELOPED COUNTRY SIDE), THIS IS CLEARLY ONE MOTIVATION FOR CHOICE OF DATE (OTHER IS NEED OF G-77 TO PREPARE). WE UNDERSTAND STOLTENBERG PLANS TO ATTEND, AND ASSUME QUESTION OF PARTICIPATION WILL BE DISCUSSED AMONG EVENTUAL PARTICIPANTS AT XCSS IF NOT BEFORE.

3. G-77 ARE STILL IN STATE OF RELATIVE INDECISION, COMPOUNDED BY MIXING OF GENEVA AND NEW YORK MEMBERS IN CAUCUS. GENERAL IMPRESSION IS THAT 77 WILL NOT WANT TO FULLY DIVORCE FORM FROM SUBSTANCE IN NEXT WEEK'S DISCUSSIONS.
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FOR EXAMPLE, A SUB-GROUP HAS BEEN CHARGED WITH COMING UP WITH A NEW VERSION OF "CONCLUSIONS" TO DISCUSSION ON RESOURCE TRANSFERS.

4. THERE HAS BEEN NO FORMAL DISCUSSION OF US PROPOSAL IN G-77. JAZAIRY CLAIMS TO SEE ELEMENTS OF HIS OWN THINKING IN IT. HIS RESERVATION, AS WE UNDERSTAND IT, IS THAT HE WOULD NOT LIKE FORMALIZED "TWO-PHASE" APPROACH TO PRECLUDE POSSIBILITIES OF AGREEMENT IN INITIAL DISCUSSION OF ANY GIVEN TOPIC. BEYOND THIS REMAINS THE GENERALLY FELT NEED AMONG THE 77 THAT COW MUST LEAD TO "SOMETHING CONCRETE", AND NOT JUST "DEBATE". THIS CONSIDERATION, WHICH MOTIVATED USUN'S ORIGINAL SUGGESTION MUST BE WEIGHED IN CONSIDERING EC-9 CONCERNS ABOUT DEGREES OF COMMITMENT IMPLIED IN OUR PROPOSAL.

5. ANOTHER POINT OF CONFUSION AMONG WEOS AND G-77 IS FOLLOW-UP WE PLAN TO GIVE TO OUR PROPOSALS. BOTH THE ECOSOC SPEECH AND OUR "NON-PAPER" (IN ITS DIFFERING VERSIONS) ARE NOW "ON THE TABLE". THERE HAVE BEEN REQUESTS FOR CLARIFICATION OF VARIOUS ASPECTS. WE HAVE EXPLAINED THAT BOTH ARE EXPRESSING THE SAME IDEAS IN SOMEWHAT DIFFERENT TERMI-

NOLOGY.

6. USDEL WILL BE INTERESTED IN KNOWING CURRENT PLANS OF COOPER AND/OR HORMATS RELATIVE TO INFORMAL DISCUSSIONS ON COW, PARTICULARLY IN LIGHT OF EARLIER PLANS FOR COOPER-JAZAIRY MEETING. VANDEN HEUVEL

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